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Second Harvest tailgate food distribution event set

Second Harvest Food Bank has announced a Tailgate Food Distribution event for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19 at North Manchester High School, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

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Farmer optimism drops to 3-year low

By **ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI**
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Farmer optimism dropped to a three-year low in April, according to a Purdue University survey released earlier this month, and a majority of farmers expect 2020 to be worse than 2019.

In 2019, thousands of acres of Hoosier farmland went unplanted after historically heavy rainfall destroyed crops and prevented farmers from getting seed in the ground on time. On top of that, farmers were left to deal with the effects of the trade war with China, which caused American soybean farmers to lose their largest market.

Optimism rose toward the end of

2019 as the U.S. and China formalized plans to sign a phase-one deal and the U.S. signed the renegotiated NAFTA agreement commonly called the U.S.-Mexico-Canada-Agreement (USMCA), but the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has created pessimism as farmers feel economic effects from the virus.

“Over the past two months, producers have felt the first shock waves being created by the coronavirus,” said James Mintert, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “Disruptions in the supply chain are causing many to look at ways they can mitigate risk in

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Photo by Jared Keever / jkeever@perutribune.com
A farmer works a field in southern Miami County in this October file photo.



By Rob Burgess / Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This year, the first weekend they had 14 riders, despite the freezing temperatures, and the second weekend they had 26 riders.

‘Liking for Biking’

Riding series takes to the
road for the fourth year

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Dam to Dam Ride (D2D) committee and Parkview Wabash Hospital (PWH) has announced the fourth year of the “Liking for Biking” riding series which began May 9, according to Whitney Millspaugh, marketing manager for Visit Wabash County.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Christine Flohr, executive director, stated the first weekend they had 14 riders, despite the freezing temperatures, and the second weekend they had 26 riders.

“All riders are encouraged to follow social distancing guidelines, which includes the option to wear a mask if they prefer,” stated Flohr.

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the

Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.”

Participation incentives for the riding series are based on attendance and include gift cards to INGUARD Health, Modoc’s Market, Dunham’s and numerous others. Anyone who rides one of the Saturdays in May will receive a free Liking for Biking T-shirt.

“‘Liking for Biking’ centers itself around the grassroots movement that started the annual Dam to Dam ride,” stated Millspaugh. “In 2010, Dr. William Rauh gathered a handful of his friends to ride the Wabash County Bike Route in celebration of his milestone birthday. The group of friends enjoyed the leisure of riding bikes together throughout Wabash County so much that they chose to continue to make the ride an annual event. Organically, the event grew by word of mouth until 2014 when the local organizers partnered with Visit Wabash County to grow participation in what is now known as the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride.”

Sept. 13 will mark the 11th anniversary of the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride powered by INGUARD Health. Flohr stated Parkview Wabash Hospital has been a community health partner for the program since its inception in 2017.

“The Liking for Biking series is free and open to everyone at any age and at any level. The program is made possible in partnership with Parkview Wabash Hospital, Spikes and Bikes Bike Club, Rock City Bike Club and Visit Wabash County,” stated Millspaugh.

Millspaugh stated the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride is organized by a group of volunteers “dedicated to the advancement of health and wellness initiatives throughout Wabash County.”

Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

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Total COVID-19 positive Peabody residents now seven

Director: 60 of 61
employees who
previously tested
positive for virus are
now back at work

By **ROB BURGESS**
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On Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported two additional positive COVID-19 cases in Wabash County, bringing the local total to 71.

The ISDH still reported two local deaths. The ISDH reported 501 local tests on Saturday, 510 on Sunday and 527 on Monday.

Two new positive COVID-19 cases among Peabody residents

In response to a Plain Dealer request Monday, Rod Craft, executive director of Peabody Retirement Community, reported two new positive cases among their residents, making the total seven.

Craft stated they had chosen to proactively test their more than 350 employees and 299 residents for COVID-19.

“Only residents who have granted consent will be tested. Proactively testing employees and residents allows us to see if there is someone who might be positive but asymptomatic. We believe

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Holcomb announces \$1M in funding to distribute naloxone

Overdose Lifeline will distribute
25,000 doses amid pandemic

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) announced the state will fund a nearly \$1 million distribution of the opioid reversal agent naloxone to ensure the medication reaches Hoosiers who are at risk of overdose, according to a press release.

Funds were made available by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s state opioid response grant.

Naloxone, or Narcan, is a medication approved to prevent overdose by opioids. Naloxone is given when a person is showing signs of an opioid overdose. It blocks the toxic effects of the overdose and is often the difference between a patient living and dying.

“Overdose Lifeline, an Indiana nonprofit dedicated to helping individuals, families and communities affected by substance use disorder through advocacy, education, harm reduction, prevention, resources and support, will distribute 25,000 doses of naloxone to first responders, families, friends and others who are likely to be the first on the scene if someone overdoses. The

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13-24 Drive In set to open May 22

Theater will open at
50 percent capacity

STAFF REPORT

The Honeywell Foundation is preparing to open the 13-24 Drive In to the public at 50 percent capacity on Friday, May 22. The gates will open at 7:30 p.m. for a screening of “Trolls World Tour” beginning at dark at approximately 9 p.m. at 890 N. Indiana 13, according to Morgan Ellis, PR and mar-

keting coordinator.

Ellis stated at the beginning of the 2020 season during the initial reopening phase, the 13-24 Drive In will screen previously-released films allowing pricing at \$6 per carload. Once new films begin releasing directly to theaters, admission will resume to \$6 per adult and free for kids 12 and under, sponsored by INGUARD. The 13-24 Drive In has announced giveaways each weekend sponsored by

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Water stands in a Miami County field in this June file photo. A rainy spring and persistent wet conditions made for a difficult 2019 planting season.

FARMERS

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this uncertain environment and sharp declines in commodity prices have added significant financial pressure on many U.S. farming operations.”

In less than two months, corn futures declined 15 percent and soybean futures fell 8 percent, according to Purdue. Cattle and hog futures declined 21 percent and 33 percent respectively, according to the same report.

“The sharp drop in commodity prices added to an already strained financial situation for many farmers,” Purdue researchers say.

The current economic conditions outlook had its largest one-month drop on record in April as news spreads about issues at slaughterhouses and milk packaging plants during the pandemic.

Local Purdue Extension Educator Ed Farris said he’s heard about dairy farms north of Huntington County having to dump milk and dispose of livestock since meat and milk processing plants are feeling the effects of COVID-19.

The Tyson Fresh Meat plant in Logansport temporarily shut down operations in April after an outbreak of COVID-19 cases caused low attendance and community backlash, according to Associated Press reports. Farris said any issues felt at processing plants trickle down to local farmers, causing them to make tough decisions.

“Poultry, they’ve had to eliminate birds at some barns because they don’t have any way to harvest them at the meatpacking facilities, you know, because of the virus,” Farris said. “Most recently we’ve all heard about the situation at Tyson in Logansport, so there’s a lot of effects there that are affecting both crop and livestock



Farm equipment sits in a Miami County field last October.

farmers.

“If you’ve got pigs that are ready to harvest, and the meatpacking plant is shut down, you can only hold off so long on getting those pigs out to market,” he continued.

Corn prices dropped sharply in April as fuel demand dropped worldwide since governments implemented stay-at-home orders to slow the spread of COVID-19. Corn prices dropped below \$2.80 a bushel in April but have since rebounded slightly as farmers head into the planting season.

Farris said ethanol demand was already declining before the pandemic hit, so the recent shuttering of ethanol plants only added to the problem. He said it’s common for commodity prices to drop this time of year historically, and he said although market disruptions have some long-term effects, farmers can expect prices to fluctuate and possibly rebound throughout the summer.

“There will be some periods where the price will come back,” he said. “I think farmers are capable of looking at the markets and selling when there is a rally. They always say fear and greed control the market, but farmers are the eternal optimists.”

He said although some farmers may choose to switch from corn to soy-

beans given the market outlooks, most will stick to their original plan since a lot of planning goes into each year’s harvest.

Right now he said it’s important for farmers to be honest when looking at their financial health, since he believes some farmers are being forced to use working capital to cover bills during the economic downturn. He said it’s important for farmers to talk to their lenders to look into restructuring debt to help keep the farm solvent.

Farris said the recent years of low commodity prices has caused profitability expectations to drop, and he said he’s seen some farms go up for retirement sales in the past year due to economic conditions.

In the April survey conducted by Purdue University, at least 54 percent of farmers said they expect to apply for federal assistance this year, and nearly two-thirds of farmers replied that they were “very worried” about profitability in 2020.

“When asked their number one concern regarding their farm and COVID-19, 42 percent of respondents said they were worried about their farm’s access to markets, 37 percent said financial, while just 13 percent said health and safety,” the Purdue report states.

NALOXONE

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organization has been on the front lines of the opioid epidemic since 2014,” stated the release. “Naloxone is a critical tool for individuals, families, first responders and communities to help reduce opioid overdose deaths. Access to naloxone, however, continues to be limited in some communities.”

Local health departments registered with the Indiana State Department of Health as entities to dispense naloxone may be experiencing limited access to resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state’s partnership with Overdose Lifeline allows local health departments to devote their resources to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

First responders, families, caregivers and other individuals who would like to receive a supply of naloxone can register online at www.overdoselifeline.org/2020-indiana-naloxone-request.

The Indiana FSSA and Indiana Department of Homeland Security also

announced that Indiana’s emergency medical responders will be reimbursed in full through the state’s Medicaid program when they administer naloxone. The change in payment policy will be effective July 1, and was made in consultation the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Indiana will become one of the first states to pay EMS providers for both the administration of the drug and the medication itself.

Previously, EMS personnel were able to administer naloxone under an expiring federal grant. Including naloxone as a covered Medicaid benefit will help ensure funding is available for EMS first responders to continue

to administer naloxone.

Effective July 1, Indiana Health Coverage Programs, which includes the Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Healthwise, Hoosier Care Connect and Traditional Medicaid, will reimburse specialty providers who bill the state after a naloxone administration. This was initially communicated to IHCP providers through this bulletin and further guidance will be published soon. Indiana Health Coverage Programs and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security are also planning training sessions to provide guidance and to answer any questions.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:03 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:26 a.m.

 New 5/22	 First 5/29	 Full 6/5	 Last 6/13
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers, high of 67°, humidity of 72%. Northeast wind 8 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 55°. East northeast wind 11 to 17 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 65°, humidity of 60%.

Vasectomy is an easy outpatient procedure

DEAR DOCTOR: After three planned children and one unexpected (but much-loved) arrival, my wife and I think a vasectomy is a good idea. What will happen? How permanent is a vasectomy?

DEAR READER: A vasectomy is a safe and effective kind of birth control that works by disrupting the pathway that carries a man’s sperm. This is done via a simple elective surgery in which the vas deferens, which are the two tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra, are cut or blocked. The procedure, which is usually performed by a urologist, is close to 100 percent effective, with just one or two pregnancies per 1,000 procedures. The surgery can be reversed, but the success rate of future pregnancies varies.

A vasectomy is done on an outpatient basis, either in the urologist’s office or a surgery center. It’s likely that your doctor will ask you to avoid blood-thinning medications in the week leading up to the surgery. These include non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin and ibuprofen, and also may include prescription drugs such as warfarin and apixaban. This is done to limit bleeding during the procedure. It’s important to note that you should never stop taking prescription blood thinners without first consulting with your doctor.

The procedure itself is done under a local anesthetic, so the patient is awake. In the traditional method, the surgeon uses a scalpel to make either one or two incisions in the scrotum in order to reach the vas deferens. A segment of each tube is cut away, and the open ends are sealed shut, either by cauterization or with stitches. The incisions in the scrotum are also closed up.

A newer type of vasectomy, known as the “no-scalpel” method, uses a small puncture to access the vas deferens. Studies suggest that the no-scalpel method results in less pain and fewer post-surgical complications, including infections and blood clots. Additional complications can include pain, swelling, bruising and blood in the semen. Delayed complications can include post-vasectomy pain syndrome, or PVPS. This is prolonged post-surgical discomfort or pain and occurs in 1 percent to 2 percent of cases.

Following the surgery, you’ll be asked to wear a supportive garment, such as a jock strap or tight-fitting underwear, for a day or two. Ice packs will be used to reduce swelling, and your doctor will advise you on any pain meds you may need. It’s important to rest for a day or two after surgery, and then to limit activity, such as sports or heavy lifting, for at least a week beyond that. If at any time you experience signs of infection, call your doctor immediately. These include fever and redness, swelling or discharge at the surgical site that don’t improve. Sperm continues to be

present after a vasectomy. That means it’s important to keep using birth control until a follow-up semen analysis, performed six to 12 weeks after the procedure, gives you the all-clear. And remember, although a vasectomy will prevent pregnancy, it doesn’t protect against sexually transmitted diseases. Anyone outside of a monogamous relationship should continue to protect themselves with condoms.

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Donnie Michael Cameron

May 29, 1950 – May 17, 2020

Donnie Michael Cameron, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 2:06 pm, Sunday, May 17, 2020 at his home. He was born May 29, 1950 in Front Royal, Virginia to William “Peck” Rayburn and Ruth Loreen (Hurt) Cameron.



Donnie was a 1969 graduate of Northfield High School. He had worked, as a production worker, at Precision Products in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He attended the 7th Day Adventist Church. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing, playing his piano, banjo, and guitar, bluegrass music, and was also a back yard mechanic.

He is survived by three children, Don (Shana Turpin) Cameron of Wabash, DonElla (Don) Hartman of Oxford, Indiana, and Mary “Jackie” (Sean) Lawson of Fort Wayne, three grandchildren, Nancy Coppock of Bear Lake, Indiana, Isabella Hartman of Oxford, and Charlotte Lawson of Fort

Wayne, former wife Judy Cameron of Bear Lake, Indiana, brother, Ronnie (Chris) Cameron of Wabash, two sisters, Sue Campbell of Wabash, and Caren Virginia to William “Peck” Rayburn and Ruth Loreen (Hurt) Cameron. “Pat” Poole of O Brien, Florida, special nephew, Shannon (Debbie) Heinlen of Kokomo, Indiana, and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-son, Earl “Gene” Coppock, and his sister, Carmen May.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is 7th Day Adventist Church.

The memorial guest book for Donnie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Ronald E. Jones

Ronald E. Jones, 46, of Wabash, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Logansport, Indiana on October 12, 1973, to Donald Jones, Sr. and Frieda (Ronnie D.) Corder Warren.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Ave-

nue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Pastor Brad Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be left for the family on our website at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Indiana Election Division by Thursday, May 21. After an application has been received, the voter will be mailed a Primary Election ballot. The voter must then complete the ballot, and return it to the county election board by noon Election Day, June 2.

Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. In-person early voting is available beginning May 26. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1.

options and social distancing measures in place. Marquee Members cards will be accepted online and in-person for concessions points toward the cardholder’s account.

The film schedule includes: ■ “Trolls World Tour”: Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23.

■ “The Secret Life of Pets”: Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30.

■ “Despicable Me”: Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6.

■ “Dolittle” – Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13.

For more information about social distancing measures, concessions stand offerings, and parking, visit 1324DriveIn.com/faq. For more information about Marquee Members, visit 1324DriveIn.com/marquee-members.

Rent strike: The pros and cons of protesting for financial relief

For the tens of millions of people who are newly unemployed – and others who still have jobs but whose income has been severely reduced – the novel coronavirus has made it harder to keep a roof over their heads.

Even before this worldwide health crisis, many families were living on the financial edge. And now, the fallout from the pandemic has pushed them over.

Some tenants have banded together in not paying their rent, going on a “rent strike” to protest for financial relief from the govern-

ment. Here are some questions and answers on the pros and cons of such a move.

Q: Should I participate in a renters’ strike?

A: On Twitter, #CancelRent and #CantPayMay have been trending in response to a staggering unemployment rate caused by businesses closing in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Tenant groups and community advocates have organized one nationwide strike called “We Strike Together” to push the federal government to provide renters with more coronavirus-related financial aid.

This movement is not without merit.

COVID-19 has exacerbated the affordable housing crisis. And the start of each new month brings more financial anxiety.

“Rent strikes reflect public anger over the way that the housing system is designed to benefit real estate interests over the rest of society,” said Shamus Roller, executive director of the National Housing Law Project (NHLP). “The federal government needs to step in to help protect renters and struggling landlords by providing rent relief.”

The Census Bureau’s American

Community Survey found that there were 44 million renter households in 2018. The COVID-19 crisis has disproportionately affected renters, according to a recent report by Dan Magder, chief executive of Center Creek Homes, and Laurie Goodman, vice president at the Urban Institute and co-director of its Housing Finance Policy Center.

The lack of affordable housing forces renters to spend too much of their monthly income on their homes – more than half of their income in high-cost areas.

This leaves little room to save for a financial crisis.

“Policymakers need to address the stress that renters have from the COVID-19 crisis and head off a worsening situation that could include mass evictions, deteriorating housing stock, and even a real estate or housing market crash,” Goodman and Magder write.

Q: So that makes a compelling case that it’s in the public interest for renters to strike. What’s the argument for the other side?

A: Not surprisingly, landlords, with their own bills and mortgages to pay, argue that rent strikes will end up hurting the economy even further. Pension funds invest in commercial real estate, including apartment complexes. Owners of both large and small apartment complexes could be forced into foreclosure, reducing the inventory of rental units and ultimately pushing up rent prices. With reduced income, landlords will start to lay off workers, such as leasing agents and maintenance crews.

“What the owner will do when he or she gets no rent is look to all the payments that have to be made on a monthly basis: their mortgage, their payroll, their taxes, their insurance, and their utilities,” said Doug Bibby, president of the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC). “And the first thing to go is going to be the

payroll.”

Q: What’s the potential downside to me?

A: There is a risk in joining a renters’ strike. So, you need to ask yourself what kind of relationship you will have with your landlord once the strike ends.

At some point, you will have to negotiate with your landlord about how to catch up on past rent. You may need a break on rental payments going forward if the spread of COVID-19 doesn’t slow down enough to get people back to work.

Then there is the matter of your credit history. Your landlord may report your late payments to the credit bureaus, a red flag that could hinder your ability to find another rental.

And consider whom you are striking against.

“Despite headlines in recent years about large institutional investors moving into the single-family rental space, the overwhelming majority of units, 88 percent of single-family rentals, are owned by mom-and-pops or small businesses who own no more than 10 units,” according to the Urban Institute report.

Your landlord may be in just as much financial distress as you are.

“There are many smaller landlords who are also struggling during this time,” NHLP’s Roller said. “It’s not in the best interest of renters if the end result of this crisis is that the rental market becomes even more dominated by real estate investment trusts and large corporations.”

Change has often happened because individuals were willing to make a sacrifice even at a great financial cost to themselves. Just be sure you understand the risks and plan for the consequences of participating in a rental strike.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com.

Stocks rally on hopes of economic recovery

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market bounced back from its worst week in nearly two months Monday as optimism about a potential vaccine for the coronavirus and hopes for a U.S. economic recovery in the second half of the year put investors in a buy-

ing mood.

The S&P 500 climbed 3.2 percent, its best day since early April. The gains erased all of its losses from last week, when the index posted its worst showing since late March and its third weekly loss in the last four. Bond yields rose

broadly in another sign that investors were becoming more optimistic.

Stocks were already headed for a higher opening on Wall Street when a drug company announced encouraging results in very early testing of an experimental coronavirus vaccine.

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early identification of the virus will help us best protect our entire community,” he stated.

Craft stated they began proactive testing of employees Tuesday, April 21.

Craft stated as of Monday, a total of 61 employees have tested positive.

“The majority of our employee testing is complete, but there will be continuing tests for those who work intermittently, new hires and others,” stated Craft.

Craft stated also, 60 of the 61 employees who previously tested positive for COVID-19 “are back to work serving our residents.”

“We will test those employees as necessary and continue to share any new positive results with our residents, families, employees and appropriate county health officials,” stated Craft.

Craft stated they began testing residents in their community who granted consent April 29.

“We have communicated with residents and/or their healthcare representative about this process,” stated Craft.

Craft stated as of Monday they had tested 299 residents and seven have had positive test results.

“These residents were asymptomatic and reside in our dedicated, isolated, and contained unit for safe treatment. Per CDC, ISDH and CMS guidelines three of the residents that have remained asymptomatic were moved off the dedicated, isolated and contained unit,” stated Craft. “Peabody has completed a deep cleaning and sanitization process for their rooms.

We will continue to report resident results as we have that information. As a community, we are working closely with the LCS Risk Management and Health Services Clinical teams, the Wabash County Health Department (and those of surrounding counties), the Indiana State Department of Health and the CDC as we navigate COVID-19. Employees have been provided proper personal protective equipment, according to CDC guidelines, and are screened daily by answering a questionnaire, receiving temperature checks and conducting pulse oximeter readings. We know that COVID-19 can be difficult to contain and highly contagious. Also, the testing process is new to all of us. We anticipate we will have more positive test results as we continue our proactive testing efforts. However, we remain firm in our belief that this information is one piece of the puzzle that helps us make decisions to protect the health and safety of our community moving forward.”

Statewide totals

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced that 492 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 28,255 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s total.

Intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. Nearly 40 percent of ICU beds and nearly 81 percent of ventilators were available as of Sunday.

A total of 1,621 Hoosiers have been

confirmed to have died of COVID-19, an increase of 14 over the previous day. Another 144 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record, following a correction to the previous day’s total. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 183,912 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 177,243 on Sunday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 107. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (38), Bartholomew (12), Clark (18), Delaware (20), Dubois (46), Elkhart (19), Hamilton (14), Howard (10), Johnson (10), Lake (43), Porter (11), Shelby (10), St. Joseph (14) and Vanderburgh (13). A complete list of cases by county is posted at www.coronavirus.in.gov, which is updated daily at noon. Cases are listed by county of residence.

Hoosiers who have symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a state-sponsored testing site for free testing. Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that’s at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested.

To find a testing location, visit the COVID-19 testing information link at www.coronavirus.in.gov.

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Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Tuesday

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Online absentee ballot applications must be completed, received by May 21

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-by-mail, voters who qualify must complete an absentee-by-mail application. These are available online at www.IndianaVoters.com. Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the

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INGUARD and White Rock Recreation.

Ellis stated to maintain a limited-contact ticketing method, movie-goers are asked to purchase their tickets online as a necessary safety measure. To maintain social distancing efforts within 50 percent capacity, movie-goers will park one vehicle between every pair of poles closest the left pole, keeping a space of 6 feet between surrounding vehicles.

Limited contact concessions ordering and delivery will be offered online at 1324DriveIn.com in various packages including admission, popcorn and beverages. The concessions stand will remain open with limited

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SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

DAILY SCRIPTURE

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

- 2 Timothy 1:7

Let's say a vaccine proves safe and effective – then what?

If there is one piece of positive news among all the dreary coronavirus developments, it is the rapid work being done on a vaccine.

More than 100 candidates for a vaccine are being tested, at least eight of which are in clinical development. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said this week that all these efforts represent a plan to put "multiple shots on goal."

What's more, a number of drug companies are going forward with on-spec production of vaccines so they would have a head start if clinical trials show that one is safe and effective. But this determined action carries the risk of false expectations. It is, to be clear, not certain that there will be an effective vaccine. And if there is one or more, it could take years to produce and distribute enough doses to eradicate the disease.

In addition, the issues surrounding how to distribute vaccines present a number of troubling questions that are not getting nearly the attention they deserve. Unless these issues are addressed, the race to develop vaccines, which is now an impressive display of global cooperation, could turn into an ugly fight that impedes recovery

and creates tensions that spill into other spheres.

Even within the USA, there's little evidence of a plan for how vaccines might be distributed in the early days when there are not enough to go around.

"We haven't yet gotten to those downstream strategies," Dr. Rick Bright, an immunologist who says he was unfairly ousted from the Department of Health and Human Services, told a House panel Thursday.

In allocating the first available vaccine doses, surely hospital workers and EMTs should be at the top of the list, as they are both vital and at high risk. Other first responders would rank high as well. It might also make sense to prioritize grocery store clerks, factory workers and others who work at specific locations, sometimes in tight quarters.

From a purely utilitarian point of view, the people at the bottom of the list would be white-collar professionals with the flexibility to work from home or practice some social distancing at offices that are not particularly crowded. But these people are used to going to the front of the line.

On the other end, there will likely be some who refuse to get vaccinated over irrational fears peddled by conspiracists. Scientists say America won't

develop what is known as herd immunity unless roughly 70 percent of the population has immunity.

Internationally, the demands are even greater.

Right now, United Nations scientists are collaborating as they work on parallel tracks. But if and when one country has a workable product, it will likely come under immense pressure to use it at home before sharing with other parts of the world.

To some degree, this is to be expected. The United States is not going to send its vaccines first to Bangladesh. But there are some self-interested reasons for cooperation. The first, or the most effective, vaccine might come from Britain, China or India. Because the coronavirus knows no borders, eradicating it from large cities in Asia, Africa and South America is imperative so that it doesn't fester and potentially come back here.

The tricky issues surrounding mass inoculations aren't being sufficiently discussed or planned for. With scientists saying that one or more vaccines could complete trials as early as this fall, this is looking like one more area for which the nation is not fully prepared.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.

Coronavirus has changed the terms of engagement

Thanks to a tendency to project our own values onto other countries, many Americans mistakenly assumed that China would become more like us as it embraced a free market.

This assumption has guided U.S. policy through several administrations, despite growing evidence that China never had any such intention. Nothing says "reality check" like a deadly pandemic, a national quarantine, a collapsing global economy – and little or no cooperation from the country where the virus got its start.

The novel coronavirus has helped us and our international partners to finally

see the communist nation's malign instincts. Though the virus originated in China, the government there denied American officials access to essential health data or to reveal Patient Zero. It has yet to provide a live virus sample or allow outside investigators in. China also underplayed its infection and death rates, thus, skewing data and handicapping researchers trying to solve the mystery of COVID-19.

As with any unhealthy relationship, it's worth considering our role in getting here. Ever since President Richard Nixon opened relations with China nearly 50 years ago, we've wanted engagement even at the expense of American values. We've not been demanding enough on human rights, starting with the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. We downgraded our relationship with our long-time friend, Taiwan, on the condition that the "Taiwan question" would be resolved peacefully to normalize relations with Beijing. And, we minded our own business during China's one-child policy, which led to forced abortions and 30 million bachelors.

Meanwhile, as co-dependents of a sort, we've happily allowed China to become an economic and military superpower while we fattened ourselves on cheap imports, washed down with the elixir of naïve faith in the irresistible allure of democratic principles. Perhaps, young nations like ours shouldn't presume to out-manuever 4,000-year-old cultures through flirtation and flattery.

By now, even Donald Trump's critics may be willing to concede that he was right on this one. If he was elected partly to end China's unfair trade practices, his reelection could depend on how successfully he navigates the China-Pandemic Problem.

There is little doubt that the White House has been deploying anti-China rhetoric lately, seeking to blame China for the coronavirus as a key piece of its re-election strategy. It's a fact, nevertheless, that China has a record of releasing viruses upon the rest of us, including H1N1 and SARS. As a strategic response, the Trump administration may be gearing up for a broader anti-China campaign in coming weeks and months.

But this new strategy doesn't seem to be so much about the administration changing course; it is about changing how the rest of us regard the Middle Kingdom. A top administration official with whom I recently spoke said this attitudinal reset will require both a re-education of the public, which sounds slightly Chinese-ish, as well as a mindset shift at universities and corporations, many of which are deeply invested in China and, therefore, in the success of the Communist Party (CCP). Some universities, for example, are heavily dependent upon Chinese students who pay full tuition. Many schools don't realize, the official said, that they're helping the communist party.

At the same time, the Chinese government exerts outside influence on American financial institutions because of its control of capital flows throughout the world. In a speech last October before the Hudson Institute, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo mentioned conversations he has had with American business leaders, who, heavily invested in China, were "forced to comply with China's terms."

In the Trump administration's views, American firms are being forced to choose between profits and human rights. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has steadfastly championed democracy and human rights in China since Tiananmen, understands this, the official suggested. "We can't have different standards for them."

The official suggested the U.S. would be taking other diplomatic steps soon to keep a closer eye on Beijing. I don't doubt it. But I asked the official whether this supposedly new American resistance to China's authoritarian methods might provoke an unwanted response.

The official cautioned that Washington did not want a confrontation with Beijing. He said this in a number of different ways: "We aren't backing China against the wall ... we do not consider China an adversary but rather a competitor ... we prefer engagement ... it's not about blame but about prudence." He seemed to think the Chinese would match prudence with prudence, saying, "When China is challenged, it backs down immediately."

Whether that's so, we're likely to find out. But such thinking does remind one of exactly the sort of they'll-think-like-us thinking that got us into trouble in the first place.

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It's the disease, not the government

Along with many states, Indiana is moving slowly away from some restrictions in the stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders implemented in late March. Over that six-week period, more Hoosiers died of COVID-19 than died in the Vietnam War. The state's economy experienced unprecedented damage. The next jobs report

Michael Hicks



will be the worst since the Great Depression, even though it will understate the actual share of unemployed by 5.0 percent or more. State tax revenues were more than \$1 billion beneath the expected level in April.

While part of this reflects payment delays, we clearly face the bleakest government budgets in a lifetime.

In previous columns, I argued that Indiana's response to COVID-19 saved lives and was clearly justifiable on economic grounds. As evidence continues to mount, my analysis looks even more right than it did three weeks ago. But, as we move away from the most restrictive shelter in place rules, evaluating the efficacy of those reductions proves more difficult. Both the economics and the epidemiology of the disease is now more complex. With this comes greater uncertainty.

It is clear Indiana flattened the curve, and so the challenge now is determining what restrictions to loosen or tighten over time. I don't know enough about the disease to comment on that intelligently. What is clear that the early restrictions likely provided the medical community time to learn and share a broader set of treatment options. That is very

valuable. We also know more about the economics of the shelter-in-place.

A group of economists at Harvard published data on consumer expenditures drawn from near real-time information collected from banks, large retailers and other businesses. The data provide several interesting insights about the economy since January, as well as the role government action played in our economic conditions.

Beginning in January, household spending in Indiana started to slip beneath that of the nation as a whole. This was true for other Midwestern manufacturing states, but the effect was most pronounced in Indiana. This is consistent with my observation that Indiana's economy was slowing before COVID-19 reached our state. However, from mid-February until the shelter-in-place order was given, household spending declined by a whopping 32 percent. Spending on entertainment and recreational services dropped by more than 75 percent over the same period.

The collapse of consumer spending in late February and early March implies that Indiana was already at recession levels of economic activity on March 1, a full three weeks before the stay-at-home order. Indeed, nearly every category of discretionary household spending collapsed from mid-February through mid-March. Transportation spending dropped by 60 percent, apparel and general merchandise spending by 50 percent, healthcare spending by 45 percent, restaurants and hotels by 65 percent.

The only consumer spending category that rose over that time period was grocery sales. There was a brief spike around March 13, when Hoosier families were

spending 47 percent more than average. This is akin to roughly 3.25 million extra people descending into our state to shop for groceries. I can think of few better examples of the miracle of modern free markets than food delivery at the outset of the COVID-19 crisis. We'd have been a lot better off permitting any random large grocery store to supply Coronavirus tests instead of the federal government. And yes, that would have been true even if we'd had a minimally competent federal response, which we did not.

Aside from the stunning performance of grocers and their supply chains, consumer spending habits across the board were sufficient to plunge us into a deep recession. This happened prior to any formal government action. What is important about that fact is that it surely implies that the disease itself, rather than government orders, is the cause of this downturn. At this point, that fact is abundantly clear. So, it seems probable that economic activity will not return to normal, even as we move to fully re-open the economy.

In the end, this means that I have very little to offer about the pace of relaxing our stay-at-home orders. If consumers are unwilling to visit restaurants and casinos, as they surely will not, placing extra restrictions on these operations has few direct economic costs or benefits. The issue that matters is whether or not any particular action causes additional morbidity or mortality. This may change of course, but for now, our deep economic woes are a result of COVID-19, not state or local government.

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Parents struggle to do what’s best for tormented daughter

DEAR ABBY: My 53-year-old daughter is an addict. First it was alcohol, then hard drugs and opioids. This has been going off and on for 40 years.

She hit bottom recently. She became homeless and ended up in a women’s shelter in another state. She says she’s been clean about six months.

The shelter helped her find a place to live, and she draws a disability check, so she has everything she needs.

Dear Abby



She constantly contacts me and her father saying she wants to come home. We have helped her to the point of mental, physical and financial exhaustion, and we just can’t go there again. It’s the most difficult thing we’ve ever gone through. We know we shouldn’t continue to enable her, but if we don’t, we feel like terrible parents. Any advice would be much appreciated. – Terrible Parents In Indiana

DEAR PARENTS: You already know what will happen if you cave in to your daughter’s begging to “come home.” From now on, when she asks, remind her that she already IS home, in the place the people from the shelter helped her to find. Her troubles have nothing to do with you. They are the result of the life she created for herself. You already know that enabling her hasn’t worked. The time has come for you and your husband to take better care of yourselves.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife and I separated after 56 years of marriage. I recently found out she had been raped. Twice. The first was somebody I worked around at the air base. The second was by her father to “teach her a lesson” for getting raped the first time.

When I asked her about it, she said it was none of my business because it happened before we met, but I think she should have told me. I worked around the first guy. Who knows what he told the other airmen behind my back? I also asked very personal questions of her dad, which I now regret. My question is, was she right or should she have told me? – Upset Person In The East

DEAR UPSET PERSON: I doubt that the person who worked with you on the air base would have spent much time bragging about having raped, so please, stop obsessing about what the person might have said. That your wife was raped later by her own father must have been devastating. Both of the animals who abused her belonged in jail.

That said, although your wife probably should have told you what happened to her, she was NOT OBLIGATED to do so. Your marriage is over. Let it go!

DEAR ABBY: With the stay-at-home order still in place in many states, take-out or delivery is the only option for nights when we don’t want to cook. How much should we be tipping the people who deliver our food? With sites like Grubhub, which offer free delivery, do these drivers/deliverers get paid? I feel bad for someone coming to my house and leaving a bag of food on my doorstep, and I want to make sure they are compensated. How much would be a reasonable tip? – Likes My Delivery

DEAR LIKES: The Grubhub website recommends a \$5 or 20 percent tip – whichever is greater. When you tip, the money goes straight to the delivery drivers, as it should. Some orders may include an ADDITIONAL delivery fee, but it is not a tip, and drivers don’t receive that money, so make sure not to deduct it from the amount you tip.

CROSSWORD

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1 Irritates

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8 Decelerate

12 Work like a dog

13 Carnival city

14 Pelt

15 Comic strip moppet

16 Elected ones

17 Exclude

18 Frame inserts

20 Juicy steaks (hyph.)

22 Do a sewing chore

23 Edgar Allan —

24 Sony competitor

27 Take care of

30 Poetic tribute

31 Profit

32 Portion of a circle

34 On the —

35 Pinochle combo

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37 Illinois city

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57 Spinning toys

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59 Jellyfish habits

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3 Clay oven

4 Half-frozen

5 Rainbow maker

6 One, in Munich

7 Requiring no stamps

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9 Sketch

10 Comics canine

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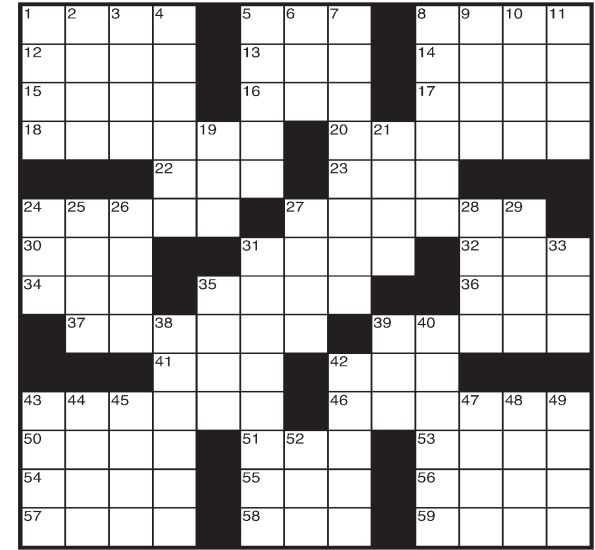
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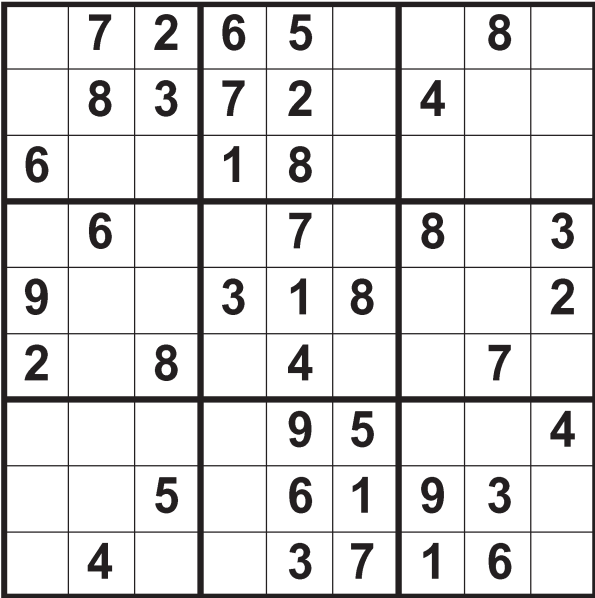
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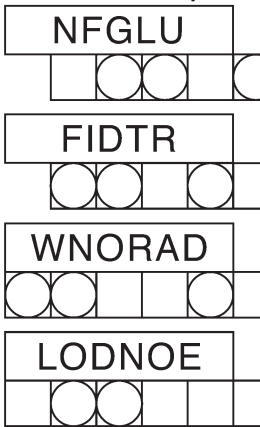
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Saturday's Jumbles: FUDGE Salsa NEgate SNitch

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



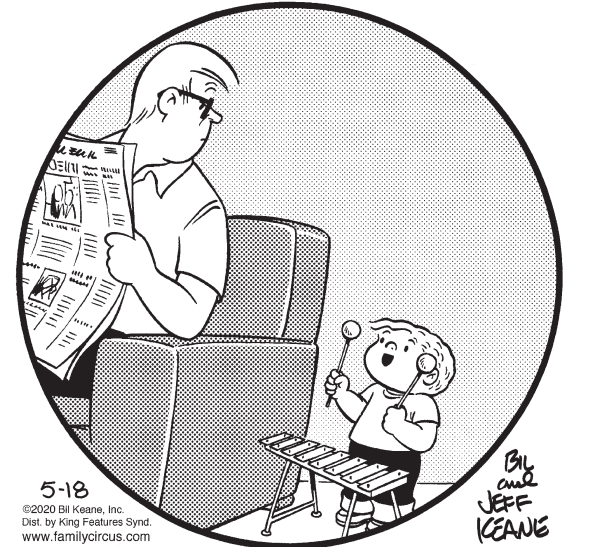
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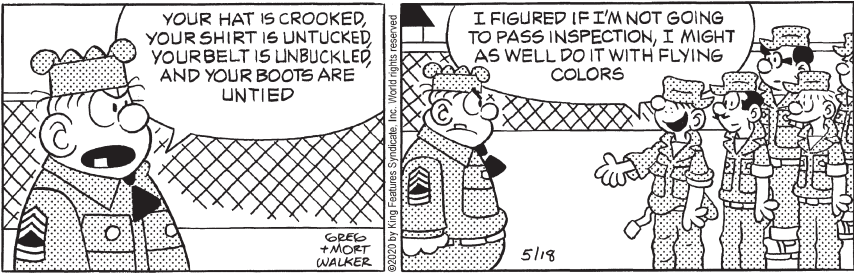
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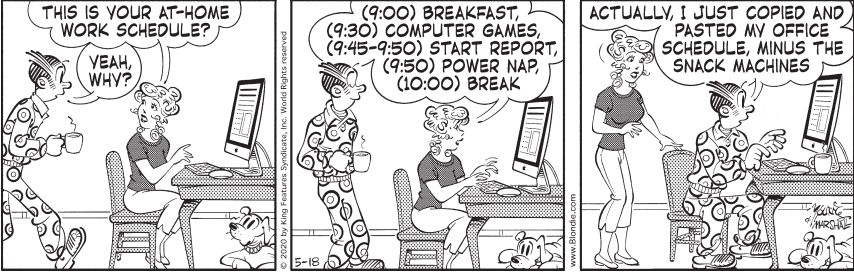


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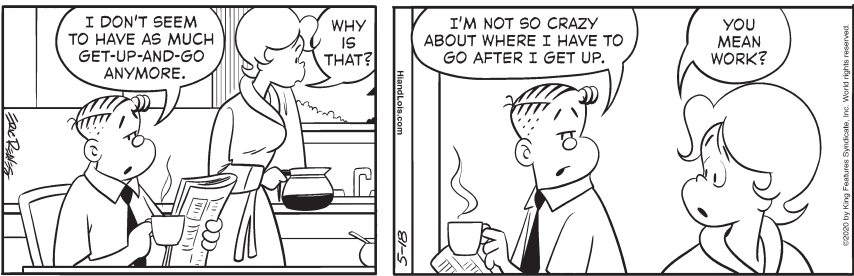
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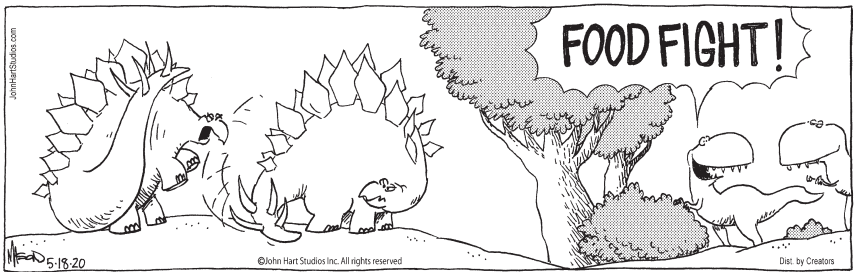
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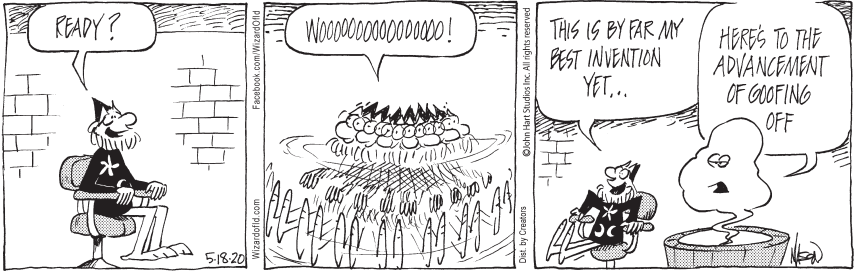
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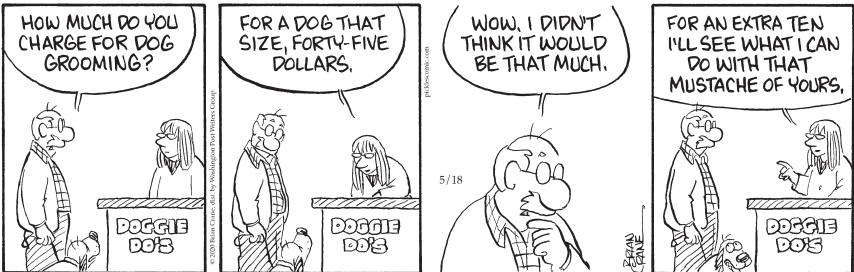
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PICKLES



No greater pardon than God pardoning sinners

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The president has recently pardoned some prisoners that shouldn't have been excused from their crimes. How can this be justified? — P.P.

A: There is no greater pardon than God Himself pardoning sinners, but many people refuse His pardon and will not receive it.

History reveals that there are those who have actually refused a pardon. From the records of the U.S. Supreme Court comes such a story of defiance. In 1829, a man named Wilson was indicted for robbing the mail and endangering the life of a government mail carrier. Wilson was tried and sentenced to death. But President Andrew Jackson issued him a pardon. The man re-

fused it and chose death by hanging rather than receive forgiveness.

This is a picture of what Jesus Christ has done for us. He offers mankind a pardon for sin and waits for our response. Many refuse Him but Jesus stands ready to forgive and has paid the penalty for man's crimes against Him.

Chuck Colson, a former prisoner himself, had a tremendous ministry reaching prisoners with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many people will be in Heaven whose lives have

been transformed because of the message that penetrated hardened hearts. Keep proclaiming God's truth even if the message falls on deaf ears. When inmates find themselves alone in their cells, the Gospel message can still continue to work in unresponsive hearts after your departure.

Never cease telling people about this great rescue mission that brings freedom to those imprisoned, whether inside or outside prison bars. "Preach the gospel to the poor ... proclaim liberty to the captives" (Luke 4:18).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "During bad circumstances ... disasters remind us we are world citizens, whether we like it or not." — Maya Angelou

TODAY'S CLUE: H sjenbe 9

Sister thinks twice about becoming a kidney donor

DEAR ABBY: I'm currently waiting to donate my kidney to my sister, who is a year older than I am. My husband and I traveled many hours to get evaluated and tested at her clinic, so the insurance would cover the cost.

Dear Abby



Before heading back to our home state, we decided to stop by to pay her a surprise visit and, honestly, she did something that's making me rethink my decision. She was eating pizza and drinking a can of soda. Abby, my sister is on dialysis and supposed to be following a strict diet. It upset my husband, but he didn't say anything to her because we had just had an argument in the car about my decision to donate to her. It upset me, too, but I didn't speak up either.

I have been disciplined all my adult life, living a healthy life and making smart choices to benefit my body. Now that my sister needs a kidney, I feel this may have been the reason for my good habits. How can I stress to her how important it is to me that she adopt better eating habits if she is to get my kidney? I don't have another one to donate if she ruins this one. My husband and I will also be sacrificing time away from our four kids (ages 1-15) for the surgery and recovery. — Second Thoughts In Texas

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: Your concerns are valid. Donating a kidney is a decision that needs to be well thought out. It is also a decision that is ultimately up to only you. It shouldn't be made because you feel pressure based on who you're donating to, in your case, your sister. Keep in mind, it's impossible to control another person's behavior. Once this precious gift is given, there's no going back. Speak up now and let her know how you felt about what you saw, but understand it won't necessarily guarantee that she will make any changes.

My suggestion is to continue this conversation with your living donor social worker or ILDA (independent living donor advocate) at the transplant center where you were evaluated. These professionals can help to guide you toward making the best decision by further exploring your concerns, not only for you, but also your family.

While being a living kidney donor can be a positive and beautiful experience, it is equally important to make sure that it's the right decision for you. The same is true for anyone considering donating. For those who are interested in being a potential kidney donor and would like to confidentially connect with someone who has already donated, contact the Patient Information Help Line of the National Kidney Foundation ((855) 653-2273). However: THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR SPEAKING WITH A LIVING DONOR SOCIAL WORKER OR ILDA.

DEAR ABBY: I understand that nonbinary folks prefer the pronoun "they" instead of "she" or "he." It's going to take some getting used to, but that's OK. My question is, when using "they" but referring to one person, do you use a singular or plural verb? Singular sounds weird, but plural is confusing. — The Grammar Nerd

DEAR GRAMMAR: I agree that the usage will take some people a while to get used to, but language is constantly changing. Use the plural form of the verb when speaking about a nonbinary or gender-fluid person who prefers "they." Example: "They are a new member of our company." Or, "I love singer Sam Smith. They have won four Grammy Awards."

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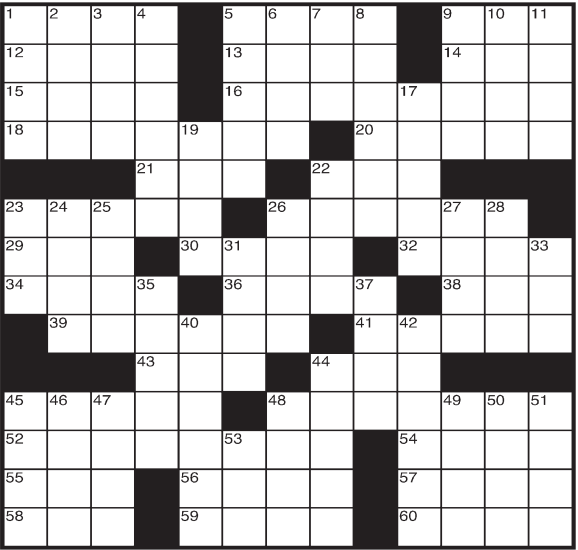
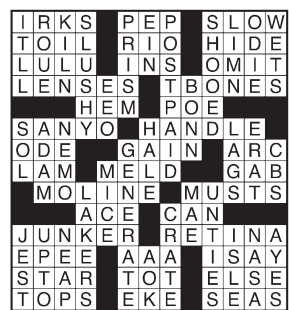
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- 59 "The Banana Boat Song" (hyph.)
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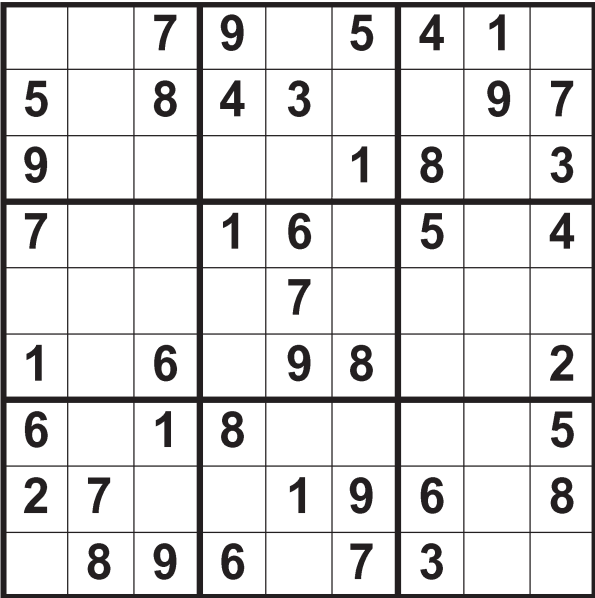
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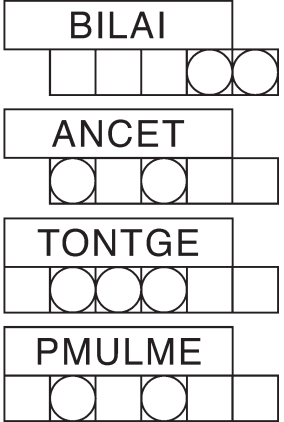
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



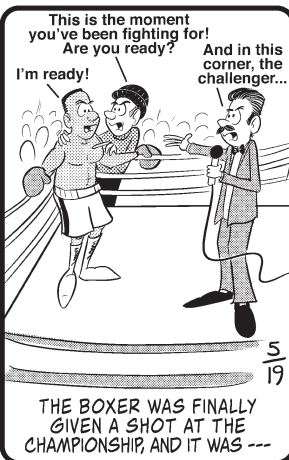
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Ans. here: " - " (Answers tomorrow)

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

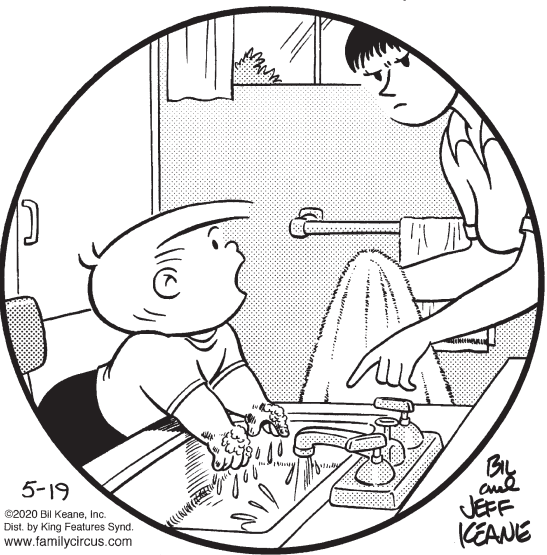
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Gee, Mommy, I'm not gonna perform an operation — I just wanna have lunch."

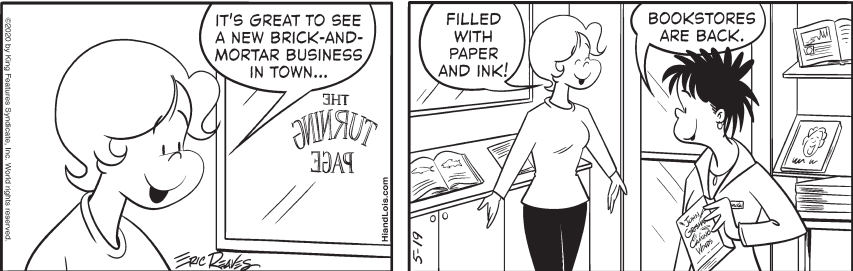
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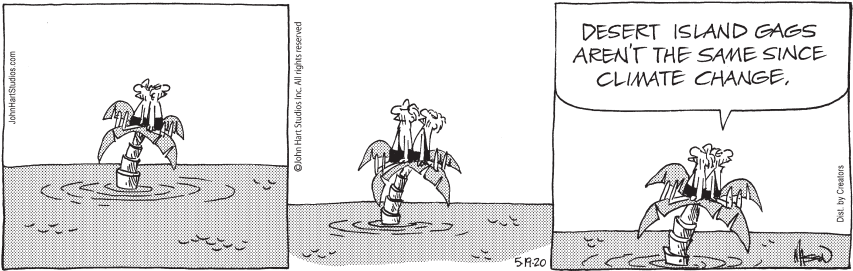
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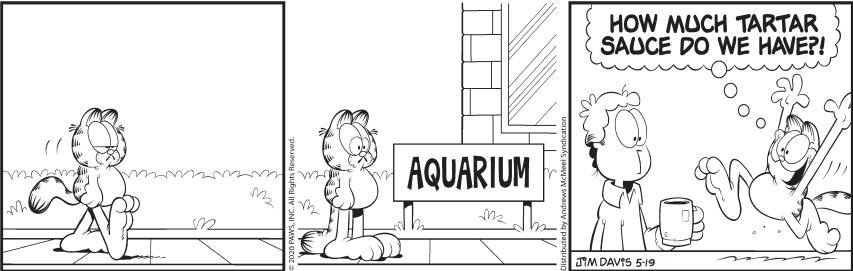
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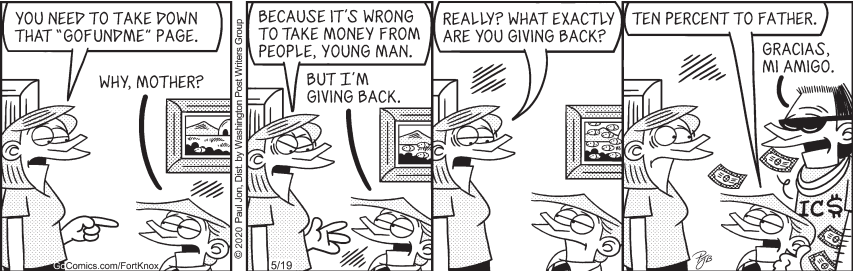
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PICKLES



Marriage a contract between a man, a woman, God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am in the midst of a nasty divorce due to adultery by my husband, but my pastor keeps telling me I should pray for him in spite of breaking the marriage vow. Is this something the Bible teaches? — N.D.

A: When a spouse is unfaithful in marriage there is great responsibility before the Lord, even for the one who has been wronged. The first thing to recognize is that a sinner's soul is at stake. The welfare of a soul is why Jesus Christ died on the cross. It may be that God will use a wife or husband to win their spouse to the Lord and restore the relationship.

The Bible says, "If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore

such a one in a spirit of gentleness" (Galatians 6:1).

Marriage is a contract, not only between a man and a woman, but also with God Himself. All those who sin against God will pay a severe penalty unless they repent. This is so important — we must pray for those who wrong us.

Scripture documents many accounts of the weary-hearted and declares: "But they did not ask counsel of the Lord" (Joshua 9:14). We all have the right to pray and ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment in

making all of our decisions. Often the Lord puts someone in our pathway that we can trust to share our burdens, but ultimately we must hold to God's promise that He will never leave us nor forsake those who belong to Him (Hebrews 13:5). Seek Him first for He is the most wonderful Counselor and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Cling to the Word of God, "You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men" (Jeremiah 32:19).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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